

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I am a police officer with 15 years of experience. Before joining the OPS, I was a youth worker at the Boys and Girls Club.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have lived in the riding for several years at different points in my life, and currently reside 15 minutes away.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I was on the board of United Way Ottawa for five years, and was a member of their Speaker's Bureau, seeking donations and encouraging volunteerism.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

Denzel Washington is an actor whose work I admire. I love the films *John Q* and *American Gangster*: they show how a flawed healthcare system can damage lives, and how cultural pressures can lead to addiction and violence. His performances bring up moral questions and the complexities of individuals – he shows how far someone will go to help their loved ones or escape marginalization.

Denzel's films are worth watching for their ability to convey real-life stories and societal issues. They have moved me to think differently, and this helps as I strive to represent people from all walks of life.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

I got to know John Baird in 2008: he was the MP for Ottawa West-Nepean, and I was running the Parkwood Hills Community Police Centre. We became friends, and when I expressed interest in seeking office, he supported me wholeheartedly.

John is genuinely passionate about public service. At community meetings, he was always the first one in and the last one out. No matter how high he rose, he remained humble and responsive. I still find people in the riding who talk about him; he worked hard to reach the wider community, and I will always do the same.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Safety is a priority for the people in my riding, and a priority for the Conservative Party of Canada.

We have a plan for youth gang prevention and a commitment to victims' rights. We will reduce gun smuggling by establishing a firearms smuggling task force and making sure that police services have the resources they need.

I have the frontline expertise and the community relations necessary to tackle the root causes of crime. In my 16 years of policing, I have built bridges between police departments and the communities they serve. I will continue to do so as an MP.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

My election will show young people from diverse and disillusioned communities that anything is possible in Canada. As an MP, I will remain as responsive as I have been in my two professional careers. Many people who are politically apathetic know me from my service as a youth worker and police officer – they see me as an accessible public servant rather than as a distant politician.

We need to make federal politics more about local community. I will do this by continuing to knock on doors in my riding to hear concerns first-hand. Showing up always changes perceptions.